

JAPS ADVANCE ON KUROPATKIN'S ARMY

Continuous Fighting Reported
to Be In Progress.

WAR NEWS FROM THE EAST.

Dispatches From the War Zone Show
that Both Armies Are Still Actively
Engaged in the Struggle for Su-
premacy.

St. Petersburg, July 26.—1:25 p. m.
—The Japanese advance against Gen-
eral Kuropatkin's armies seems at last
to have begun in earnest.

They are moving up strongly from
the south and have captured Kan
pass, on the road to Hai Cheng. An-
other movement is also reported, but
the objective of the Japanese at present
seems to be Hai Cheng.

Official news received here shows
the fighting at Ta Tche Kiao and to
the southward has been progressing
for several days.

However, according to the last re-
ports received this morning the Rus-
sians had not evacuated Ta Tche Kiao,
but were falling back on that place,
fighting a continuous rear guard ac-
tion. The Japanese had advanced in
strong force Sunday morning against
the Russian position at Datchapu, 12
miles north of Kai Chou. In view of
the great superiority of the Japanese,
General Stakelberg, as forecasted in
these dispatches, did not attempt to
offer serious resistance. The Russian
losses are not ascertainable, but it
admitted they amount to several hun-
dred men.

General Kuropatkin reports a con-
tinuation of the advance of a Japanese
column along the Saimatza road, al-
ready announced in the Associated
Press dispatches from Sint Sin Tin.

Messenger this morning prints a dis-

St. Petersburg, July 27.—The official
patch from Liao Yang dated July 25,
announcing that the Japanese main-
tained a terrific bombardment of To
Tche Kiao throughout the day, but
that toward evening, several of their
batteries having been silenced by the
Russian guns, they retired.

No estimate of the losses on either
side is furnished, but judging from the
nature and extent of the fire, the en-
gagement was a serious one.

The dispatch says:
"Throughout the night of July 24
the Japanese were busily engaged in
emplacing batteries on the crests and
slopes of the neighboring mountains,
and at 4 o'clock in the morning opened
a terrific artillery fire on the Rus-
sian position at Ta Tche Kiao from
their front, which was 9 miles long.
The firing continued throughout the
day, but slackened toward and stop-
ped entirely at 7 o'clock, the Japanese
retiring from the mountains. The Rus-
sian artiller y answered the Japanese
fire hotly all day long.

"According to the reports of eye-
witnesses, the Russians silenced three
of the Japanese batteries, after which
the Japanese fire ceased."

The Official Messenger does not
make any announcement regarding the
status of the volunteer fleet cruiser,
which, it was generally expected, it
would do this morning.

Mukden, July 27.—The latest reports
received here are to the effect that
the Russians, with about 100 guns in
action in the Ta Tche Kiao engage-
ment inflicted serious losses on the
Japanese and destroyed many of their
munitions. Japanese attack on the
center of the position was repulsed,
but the Russians were ordered to re-
tire yesterday and occupy the heights
5 miles north of Ta Tche Kiao. The
movement was carried out in good or-
der.

ATTEMPTS FAILED.

Efforts Made to Start Up Mills at Fall
River, Mass.

Fall River, July 27.—Attempts to
start made by the cotton mills here,
which were tied up by yesterday's
strike, failed today in all cases, save
that of Hargraves No. 2, which was
able to open one or two departments.
The opening of the second day
found the situation practically the
same as yesterday. Efforts made to
resume work at the mills which
started yesterday, and failed, and the
strikers consider themselves just as
strong as at the beginning.

The Seacomet and Bourne mills
also opened their doors, but no em-
ployees entered the gates and after
waiting for about an hour the man-
agement ordered the gates closed.

The members of the state board of
arbitration having left town without
interviewing the labor secretaries,
there seemed today to be no immediate
prospect of any proposal to settle the
differences.

Taggart Elected Chairman.

New York, July 27.—Thomas Tag-
gart, of Indianapolis, was unanim-
ously elected chairman of the Democratic
national committee today. The meet-
ing had not been in session long be-
fore this action was taken. All ef-
forts to induce Senator Gorman to
take the place failed.

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